

Foreman Report
February 2015

Roads

- The 410 was used to push all snow piles at the dead ends and around town back for the anticipation of spring and/or more snow.
- The crew spent more time flooding in Bayfield and the weather cooperated with cold temperatures to allow for a great ice road throughout the month. A small expansion crack on the island side threatened to grow at Griggs approach so O'Brian's approach was cleared of snow and flooded just in case the road needed to be moved. The cold temperatures soon healed the expansion crack and the road was not moved.
- An inventory, location, and reflectivity of all street signs on our town roads was taken and will help with future projects and improvements.
- I budgeted for \$1000 worth of road signs and was able to purchase these signs though the county to allow us to get more for our money. This will be my start to updating our old signs to the new retro reflectivity signs that are now becoming mandatory around the state.

Equipment

- The 2-Ton plow truck caught on fire and was totaled. The cause is believed to have been a hydraulic leak and is currently still under investigation. The value of what the insurance company is going to give us should be available in early March.
- Fred has been put back into the winter fleet with the installation of its plow and wing. This truck will be a great asset if 54 or 98 break down.
- 98 has a small transmission leak that is being monitored very closely. Fixing such a leak would cost thousands and might have to remain a leak until funds are available.
- I was able to purchase a slightly used disc cutter from Lulich implement. This disc cutter will mount to the TV 145 and be used to cut all of the ditch down slopes for our roads. This is the same cutter that most counties use to maintain their ditches and will speed the process up immensely. My negotiation included an extra set blades and a belt with the total cost being \$7750.

Administration/Misc.

- An Ice rink was flooded off the dock at the Beach Club to allow for recreational skating or broom ball. The normal location by the Rec. Center is still available but the ice did not set up well this year and is full of air and shell ice resulting in a rough surface. The little research that I have done on ice skating rinks have pointed to the need of a liner and small applications of water, not a tanker truck load.
- We have built a temporary vestibule for the Town Hall, which has become more elaborate than originally planned, for the better in my eyes. This will help to keep the heat in the building and the cold wind off of Waggle. In the beginning of March we should have it done. Weather dependent, we may not move it into place until next winter.
- Both the SRE and WTB's grease traps were pumped out and cleaned.

- I'll be attending two classes in Hayward in the beginning of March one on Asphalt Road Maintenance (PHASER) and the other is hazardous material control.

Upcoming Projects

- Installation of the bilingual Ojibwe signs.
- Removal of dead and/or badly leaning trees on the County roads. (Approx. 25 trees)
- Snow removal on Main St. to widen it and prepare for the spring melt.

Respectfully submitted,

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